

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 02930 240540Z

14-11

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-03 INR-07 L-02 ACDA-05

NSAE-00 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 USIA-06 TRSE-00 SAJ-01

SS-15 NSC-05 /061 W

----- 049270

R 232035Z MAY 75

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2017

SECDEF WASHDC

INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS 5321

AMEMBASSY MADRID

USNMR SHAPE

USCINCEUR

USLOSACLANT

CINCLANT

CINCUSAREUR

CINCUSNAVEUR

CINCUSAFE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USNATO 2930

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL, NATO, DPC

SUBJECT: DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING MAY 23, 1975: AGENDA ITEM VI A,
B, AND C ALLIANCE DEFENSE PROMLEMS FOR THE 1970S

BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING MAY 23 MEETING, DPC MINISTERS NOTED A) AD-70
SPRING REPORT, WHICH INCLUDES SECTION ON STANDARDIZATION,
AND B) REPORT ON RATIONALIZATION/SPECIALIZATION OF DEFENSE TASKS.
SYG LUNS URGED MORE CONCRETE MINISTERIAL SUPPORT FOR RATIONAL-
IZATION AND SUGGESTED CAREFUL LOOK "AT KIND OF EXERCISE"
WHICH COULD MOST USEFULLY TAKE PLACE OF AD-70 SPRING REPORT.
MASON (UK) SAID UK WAS NOT HAPPY WITH CONCLUSIONS SECTION
REFERENCE TO NEW MACHINERY, ADDING THAT UK WANTED LESS, RATHER THAN
MORE, MACHINERY. END SUMMARY

1. IN INTRODUCING AGENDA ITEM VI (ALLIANCE DEFENSE PROBLEMS FOR
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NATO 02930 240540Z

THE 1970S), SYG LUNS SAID, TO SAVE TIME, DPC MINISTERS SHOULD CON-
SIDER ALL THREE AD-70 SUBJECT (SPRING REPORT, STANDARDIZATION
AND RATIONALIZATION) AS ONE AGENDA ITEM. ON SPRING 1975 REPORT
(DPC/D(75)9), SYG LUNS SAID CURRENT REPORT, WHICH IS SIXTH

SINCE ORIGINAL ONE ISSUED IN 1970, WAS DESIGNED TO BRING OUT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN REGIONAL FORCE CAPABILITIES AND SUPPORTING DEFENSE PROGRAMS. HE SAID PERMREPS HAD ASKED HIM TO DRAW TO MINISTERS ATTENTION THE CONCLUSION PARAS (70-73), AND MINISTERS WOULD NOTE THAT CONCLUSIONS HIGHLIGHTED TREND TO REDUCE RESOURCES FOR SUPPORTING PROGRAMS. THIS MIGHT JEOPARDIZE COMBAT CAPABILITIES. SYG ADDED THAT MINISTERS WOULD ADDRESS AN IMPORTANT SUPPORTING PROGRAM-- INFRASTRUCTURE-- UNDER AGENDA ITEM IX, AND EMPHASIZED THAT SPRING REPORT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED INFRASTRUCTURE AS NEEDING MORE SUPPORT. LUNS ALSO DREW MINISTERS ATTENTION TO WAR RESERVE STOCKS (PARAS 32-37) AND TO ANNEX TO REPORT, WHICH SUMMARIZED BY REGION PRESENT LOGISTIC SITUATION IN A PARTICULARLY STRIKING WAY. NOTING THAT SOME IMPROVEMENTS HAD BEEN MADE SINCE ANNEX WAS COMPILED, LUNS SAID LOGISTICS ANNEX ILLUSTRATED LIMITATIONS ON NATOS ABILITY TO MAINTAIN FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME A COHERENT CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE IN FORWARD AREAS AND IDENTIFIED AREAS IN NEED OF IMPROVEMENT.

2. TURNING TO STANDARDIZATION, LUNS SAID IT WAS LISTED AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM, AND PARAS 50-66 OF SPRING REPORT PERTAINED. LUNS ADDED THAT SEVERAL MINISTERS HAD ALREADY INTERVENED ON STANDARDIZATION, REFERRING IN PARTICULAR TO MASONS REMARKS AS CHAIRMAN EUROGROUP. LUNS UNDERLINED THAT SPRING REPORT CITED LACK OF IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS AS AN URGENT PROBLEM AND REFERRED TO IMPORTANT QUESTION OF AN AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM, WHICH MINISTERS WOULD DISCUSS UNDER AGENDA ITEM VIII.

3. SYG LUNS NEXT REFERRED TO REPORT ON RATIONALIZATION/ SPECIALIZATION (SPC/D(75)10), WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS A STATUS REPORT. HE NOTED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME COUNTRIES WERE BEGINNING TO FACE UP TO PROBLEMS INVOLVED AND TO TAKE MEASURES WHICH GAVE HOPE FOR PROGRESS IN THIS DIFFICULT FIELD. HE ADDED THAT STAFFS AND COMMITTEES MIGHT FIND IT EASIER TO MAKE PROGRESS IF THERE WERE MORE CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF MINISTERIAL SUPPORT (WHICH WAS PROMISED LAST DECEMBER), AND HE URGED THAT MINISTERS INVOLVE THEMSELVES MORE DEEPLY IN ONGOING CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 NATO 02930 240540Z

STUDIES SO NATO COULD REPORT SOME SUBSTANTIVE ACHIEVEMENTS WHEN MINISTERS MEET AGAIN IN DECEMBER.

4. RETURNING TO SPRING REPORT, SYG LUNS NOTED THAT SOME COUNTRIES FELT SPRING REPORT HAS SERVED ITS PURPOSE AND MANY OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS HAD NOW BEEN INCORPORATED INTO OTHER NATO DEFENSE PLANNING ACTIVITIES. IN CONCLUDING, HE SUGGESTED THAT NATO LOOK CAREFULLY " AT KIND OF EXERCISE" WHICH IN DUE TIME COULD MOST USEFULLY TAKE THE PLACE OF SPRING REPROT AND STATED THAT DPC PERMREPS HAD ALREADY ASKED EWG TO EXAMINE THIS QUESTION.

5. COMMENTING ON SPRING REPORT, MASON (UK) NOTED IT MADE PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO NATOS DEFENSE CAPABILITIES IN LIGHT OF UK

DEFENSE REVIEW. UK, AS A RESULT OF CONSULTATIONS WITH NATO, HAD MADE SEVERAL COMPENSATORY PROPOSALS WHICH, MASON UNDERSTOOD, HAD BEEN WELL RECIEVED. IN FACT, THEY WERE WELCOMED IN NATO PRESS RELEASE OF MARCH 19, 1975. HE THEN REFERRED TO TWO SPECIFIC POSITIVE DEFENSE MEASURES RECENTLY TAKEN BY THE UK: FIRST,THE INTEGRATION OF UNITED KINGDOM AIR FORCES (UKAIR) INTO ACE COMMAND STRUCTURE BY WHICH UK EARMARKS TO NATO 180 ADDITIONAL AIRCRAFT BASED IN UK. FURTHERMORE, UK WOULD NOW COMMIT TO NATO AT SIMPLE ALERT RATHER THAN REINFORCED ALERT SOME 300 AIRCRAFT AND ALL MAJOR ROYAL NAVY SHIPS. HE UNDERLINED THESE MEASURES REPRESENTED IMPLEMENTATION OF AD-70 LOW-COST IMPROVEMENTS. SECOND, AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, UK WOULD DEVELOP THE MARITIME HARRIER FOR THE ROYAL NAVY, COMPLEMENTING CAPABILITIES PROVIDED BY OTHER SYSTEMS. HE ADDED THIS AIRCRAFT WOULD PROVIDE A SIGNIFICANT QUICK REACTION CAPABILITY AS WELL AS GREATLY ENHANCED MARITIME FLEXIBILITY. CONTINUING, MASON NOTED THAT MOST AD-70 HIGH PRIORITY PROPOSALS HAD BEEN INCORPORATED INTO NATO FORCE GOALS, AND WERE MONITORED DURING THE ANNUAL NATO DEFENSE REVIEW. MASON SAID BECAUSE SPRING REPORT NOW PRIMARILY CONCERNED SUPPORTING PROGRAMS, HE WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT NATO SHOULD CONTINUE THIS REPORT EVERY YEAR. THUS, WITH REGARD TO THE REPORTS CONCLUSION CONCERNING THE SETTING UP OF NEW MACHINERY, UK FAVORED LESS, NOT MORE MACHINERY. LUNS THANKED MASON FOR HIS REMARKS AND FOR THE ENCOURAGING REPORT ON FORCE IMPROVEMENTS. REFERRING TO MASONS COMMENT ABOUT THE ROYAL NAVY, LUNS EXPRESSED PLEASURE THAT UK PLANNED TO GO AHEAD WITH TWO THROUGH DECK CRUISERS, AND ADDED, WITH A KNOWING SMILE, THAT HE LIKED THE TERM "THROUGH" DECK CRUISER". BRUCE
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 NATO 02930 240540Z

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 18 AUG 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 MAY 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975NATO02930
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750599/abbrzkfh.tel
Line Count: 142
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 01 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <01 MAY 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <25 SEP 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING MAY 23, 1975: AGENDA ITEM VI A, B, AND C ALLIANCE DEFENSE PROMLEMS FOR THE 1970S
TAGS: MPOL, NATO, DPC
To: STATE
SECDEF INFO ALL NATO CAPITALS
MADRID
USNMR SHAPE
USCINCEUR
USLOSACLANT

CINCLANT
CINCUSAREUR
CINCUSNAVEUR
CINCUSAFE

Type: TE

Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006